

THE FUNNY SIDE OF SPORTS FROM 2022

Part 2 (July through December) of the best quips and quotes from the world of sports in 2022:

- World No. 1 golfer **Scottie Scheffler**, via [Golf.com](#) reporter **Claire Rogers**: “I don’t know how much money I’ve made this year, but it’s definitely more than I deserve for whacking a little golf ball around.”
- Comedy writer **Alex Kaseberg**: “**Rob ‘Gronk’ Gronkowski** has retired from the NFL for the second time. When asked if he retired due to his many concussions, Gronk said, No, I just feel it is time to stop. And also, I just feel it is time to stop.”
- Comedian **Kenan Thompson**, hosting the NHL Awards show, after **Auston Matthews** was announced as league MVP: “Congrats ... it’s nice to see the Leafs winning something in June.”
- **Dwight Perry** of the Seattle Times: “Major League Baseball will allow its teams to sell sponsorships to cannabis companies that market CBD products, the Sports Business Journal reported. ‘Spahn and Sain and Pray for Rain’ is about to be supplanted by ‘Cheech and Chong and Pass the Bong.’”
- **RJ Currie** of sportsdeke.com: “A British chef invented the Glamburger, the world’s most expensive burger at over \$2,000 Canadian. If you’re wondering about the most expensive hot dog in history — **Deion Sanders**.”
- **Phil Mushnick** of the New York Post, after a fan was robbed — twice — while leaving Yankee Stadium: “You mean he had money left?”
- **RJ Currie** again: “ABC News recently reported clowns carrying baseball bats had been terrorizing people in Bakersfield, California. The first people I’d be questioning are the Oakland A’s.”
- Headline from fark.com: “The Royals finally lead MLB in a statistic — number of players barred from entry into Canada.”
- **Super 70s Sports**, on Twitter, recalling a line from former Houston Oilers coach **Bum Phillips**, after **Earl Campbell** failed to complete a one-mile run in practice: “When it’s first and a mile, I won’t give it to him.”
- **Steph Curry**, hosting the ESPYs, on **Tom Brady** unretiring from the NFL at age 44: “He’s the only guy I know who’d rather get hit by **Aaron Donald** than hang out with a supermodel.”
- Hockey Unplugged, on Facebook: “The reason they built the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto is so that Leafs’ fans can go see what the Stanley Cup looks like.”
- Former Mets and Phillies pitcher **Tug McGraw**, on whether he preferred grass or AstroTurf: “I don’t know. I never smoked AstroTurf.”
- **Jerry Tarde** of Golf Digest, in a fictitious interview with the late **Dan Jenkins**, on the LIV golf tour: “I hear **Patrick Reed** got \$80 million to defect. The Saudis paid him \$20 million, and the PGA Tour put up the other 60.”
- [fark.com](#) headline: “**Mike Trout** diagnosed with rare spinal condition that’s been aggravated by carrying the Angels for the last 10 years or so.”
- **Scott Ostler** of the San Francisco Chronicle, on unvaccinated players: “As they say in baseball, we’ll shoot any random stuff into our bodies, as long as it’s not something that will help stop a worldwide killer pandemic.”
- Another one from **Dwight Perry**: “The Mariners have released pitcher **Daniel Ponce de Leon**. So much for the team’s hopes of getting younger.”
- **Eamon Lynch** on Gulfweek.com, on the LIV lawsuit against the PGA Tour fracturing friendships: “It’s tough to remain pals with the roommate who moved to a sumptuous new mansion but returned to burglarize and then torch the house you’re still living in.”
- **Marshall Stuart**, via Twitter, after the Tigers **Derek Law** became the first pitcher to allow a homer, commit an error, hit a batter and throw a wild pitch in a single relief appearance: “Is that the **Nuke LaLoosh** hat trick?”
- **Thomas Carrieri** of LostInBostonSports.com, via Twitter, on kids eating free whenever the Red Sox win: “The good news about this season is the Red Sox are single-handedly ending childhood obesity.”
- **Mike Bianchi** of the Orlando Sentinel: “New (Florida) Gators coach **Billy Napier**, a stickler for structure and discipline, has instructed players they all must wear white socks at practice. Hey, you know what the great **Grantland Rice** once wrote: ‘It’s not whether you win or lose, it’s how you match your socks!’”

- **Sam Farmer** of the L.A. Times, via Twitter, on the significance of Aug. 16: “**Elvis, Aretha and Babe Ruth** died on this day. A king, a queen and a sultan.”
- **Mark Fox** on Twitter, weighing in on the extremely slow and painfully deliberate pre-shot routine of the newly crowned U.S. Amateur champion: “Things I can do during **Sam Bennett's** pre-shot routine: Make a cup of tea. Have a shower. Change the tires on my car. Watch a full tournament without **Sam Bennett**. Write a thesis. Travel to the moon.”
- Reds first baseman **Joey Votto**, via Twitter, undergoing season-ending shoulder surgery after hitting just .205: “I didn’t know I was hurt. Thought I just stunk.”
- **Adam Herman**, on Twitter: “Every women’s hockey biography is like, ‘she has a master’s in biochemistry and is a cancer researcher at Sloan Kettering’ and every men’s bio is like, ‘his favourite cereal is Fruit Loops.’”
- Another one from Perry: “Pitcher **Bartolo Colon** says he’ll finally retire from professional baseball after pitching one more season of winter ball in his native Dominican Republic. Just think of his farewell tour as One Last Whiff of Colon.”
- Funny guy **Steve Burgess** of Vancouver, on Breaking Bad actor **Aaron Paul** serving as TV advertising pitchman for an online betting company: “I wish **Jesse Pinkman** would go back to a more reputable line of work, like dealing meth.”
- Ex-LSU football coach **Ed Orgeron**, to the Little Rock (Ark.) Touchdown Club, when told at his firing he’d receive a \$17.1 million buyout: “What time do you want me to leave and what door do you want me out of, brother?”
- New York Post reader **Lloyd Stone**, during a recent NFL televised game: “Is there any way to watch this in black and white? Seattle’s garish green uniforms should be restricted to prisoners on trash patrol along the Jersey Turnpike.”
- **RJ Currie** again: “The Banjo Bowl outcome: Blue Bombers 54, the flu-ridden Roughriders 20. Saskatchewan QB **Cody Fajardo** said many Riders were so ill they couldn’t keep anything down — including, it seems, the score.”
- **Producer Soph**, on Twitter: “Can I make a suggestion? Team Homan/Fleury = Team Heury. Heury hard.”
- **Geoff O’Neil**, via Twitter, what a difference 21 years makes: “There were 5,273 Blockbuster video locations in operation the last time the Mariners made the playoffs.”
- **Dwight Perry**: “‘Clean and jerk’ is: a) a composite of two weightlifting movements; b) how baseball hard-liners view the AL and NL season home run record-holders.”
- From a **FakeKenHolland** account on Twitter, in reacting to complaints of high concession prices at Oilers’ home games: “All hats collected from Connor’s hat-trick celebration will be available for sale, with a complimentary bag of popcorn, at the Rogers Place concession stand starting at the low low price of \$225.”
- Fark.com headline: “What are you in for? Bank robbery. You? Murder. You? Cheating at fishing.”
- Another one from **Steve Burgess** of Vancouver, on the pain of love for the Canucks: “They get in your blood, and then it’s blood poisoning.”
- **Jack Finarelli** of sportscurmudgeon.com, on the recent Broncos-Jaguars game in London: “The people in the UK have lost their queen and their prime minister in the last two months; the pound sterling has tanked to its lowest level since WWII; and now the NFL sends them that game? Haven’t those people suffered enough?”
- Headline at the Beaverton: “Poll: Majority of Canadians favour making sports betting illegal again just to get rid of the %&###\$ ads”
- **Dwight Perry** again: “**Taylor Swift** made history as the first musical artist to claim all top 10 spots on the Billboard Hot 100 list, for the week of Nov. 5. Kind of like **Nick Saban** on national signing day.”
- One more from **RJ Currie**: “Australian jockey **Blake Shinn** stood up in a last-second bid to overtake the leader, and his pants fell down. Might be the first time a horse placed while its rider showed.”
- **Phil Mushnick** again, on a rumoured transaction by the New York Giants: “The Giants reacquire **Odell Beckham Jr.**? That would be like paying to have your kidney stones put back.”
- **Vic Tafur** of The Athletic, on Raiders’ coach **Josh McDaniels** losing to newly hired and inexperienced coach **Jeff Saturday** and the Indianapolis Colts in Saturday’s first game: “That’s like **Garry Kasparov** walking into Central Park and getting checkmated by a guy with mustard stains on his sweatshirt.”
- Headline at the British newspaper iSport, after England and the U.S. played to a 0-0 World Cup tie: “Football 0 Soccer 0”

- Another [fark.com](#) offering: “England vs. U.S.A. World Cup match is serious business. The loser has to keep **James Corden.**”
- **Alex Kaseberg** again: “The Denver Broncos are 3-8 since trading the farm for **Russell Wilson.** It is the worst trade since **Pete Best** left the Beatles to play drums for the Cockroachers.”
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